

Accommodation Pathways for our care experienced young people

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Joint working to meet our corporate parenting responsibilities

- East Sussex Housing Partnership Board
- Joint Housing and Childrens Services Action Plan
- Jointly funded posts in Childrens Services and Public Health
- Joint Protocol's for care leavers and 16 and 17 year old young people are risk of homelessness or who may be homeless and require accommodation
- Strategic and operational partnership meetings

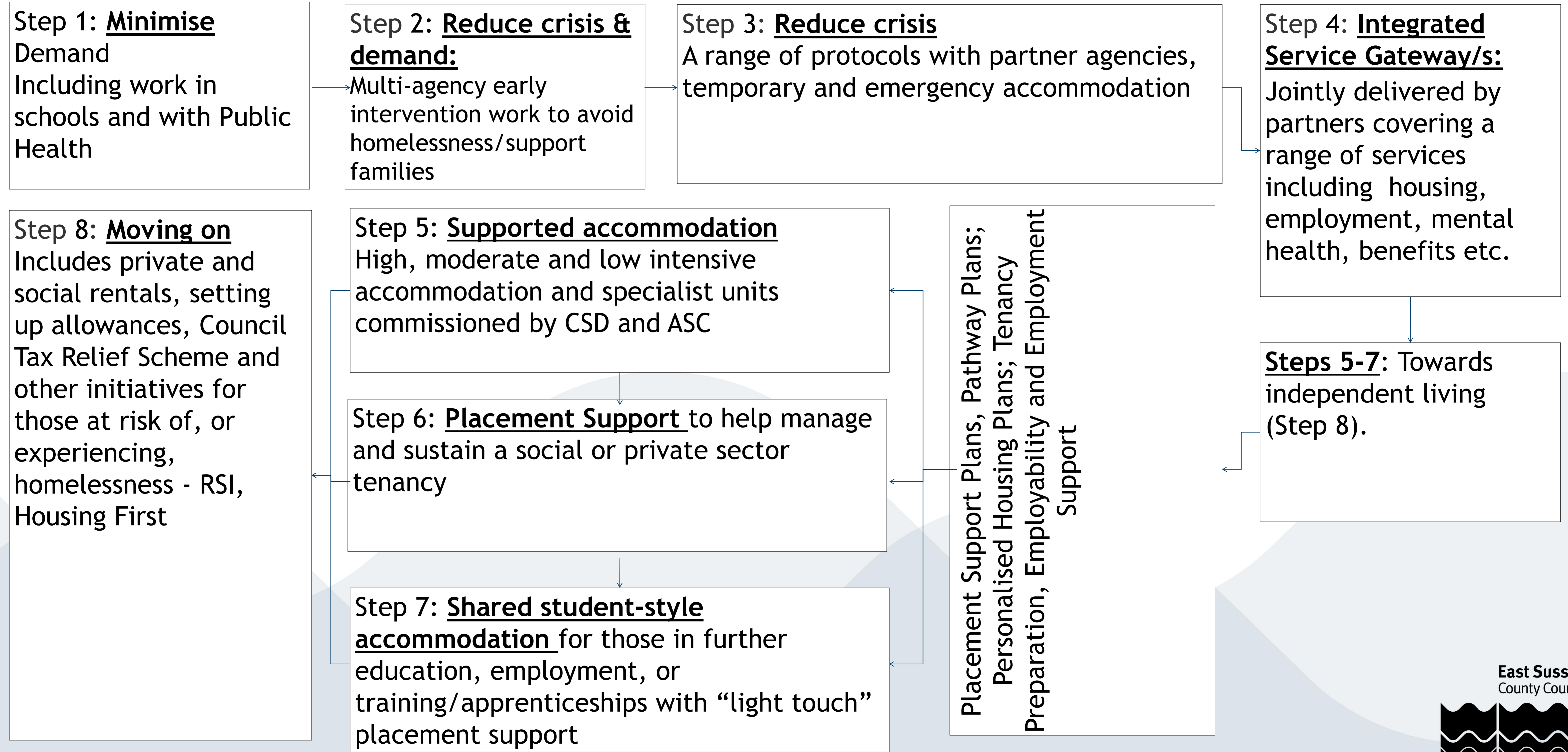
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- Joint role between Public Health and Housing, working to strengthen links between the sector.
- Refreshed partnership arrangements, including a strategic board of the local housing authorities, housing providers, children's services, adult social care, health, criminal justice, voluntary sector and government departments. A series of specialist groups have also been formed.
- The aim of the partnership is to be the voice of housing in East Sussex, support cross sector working and provide a medium- and long-term vision for the sector.

Young Persons Housing and Accommodation Manager

- Joint role across East Sussex Childrens Services and District and Borough housing authorities, working in partnership to ensure we meet our collective responsibilities to young people and families in housing need or at risk of homelessness
- Develop and manage delivery of a countywide East Sussex Youth Housing and Accommodation Pathway
- Co ordinate delivery of countywide Care Leavers Housing Protocol and Joint Protocol for Youth Homelessness Prevention, assist in operationalising processes required for implementation

Young Persons Housing and Accommodation Pathway



Accommodation Options

- Staying Put
- Supported Lodgings
- Low to high levels of Supported Accommodation/Semi Independent living
- Shared Accommodation including student style accommodation for those in employment, education and training
- Social Housing
- Private Rented Sector (PRS) accommodation

Support to move on

- Pathway planning, preparation for independent living
- Local Offer
- Joint Housing Options interview - holistic assessment of young persons circumstances and aspirations, realistic options, personalised housing plan and support to access PRS
- Placement support workers to help in managing a private or social sector tenancy
- Setting up home grant and practical support; initial tv licence, first shop and energy top up paid
- Rent top up where agreed for specific schemes, guarantor offer

Challenges to move on

- Over 1,200 households living in temporary accommodation across the county. Around half are placements for single people. The housing authorities spent over £14,000,000 on temporary accommodation in 2023/24.
- Increasingly unaffordable private rented sector, even after the uplift in Local Housing Allowance.
- A shortage of supported move on options for people with additional needs.
- Current activity supporting individuals with multiple and compound needs is mostly grant funded, much of which is due to end in March 2025.

Challenges to move on for Care Experienced young people

Lack of social housing;
competing priority
needs

Inconsistent approach
to priority banding
across District and
Borough Housing
Authorities

Access to and
affordability of PRS

High service charges for
those who are working
in supported
accommodation

Intentionally Homeless
decisions

Suitability of
accommodation -
suitable by definition
but not in opinion of
care leavers

East Sussex Housing Strategy

- Emerging Themes:
 - Facilitating collaboration
 - Ensuring a data-lead approach
 - Building capacity in the local workforce
- Emerging Priorities:
 - Supporting sustainable delivery of housing and accommodation
 - Reducing reliance on temporary accommodation
 - De-carbonisation of the housing stock
 - Healthy homes and communities